

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Given what I have recently learned about Sinclair Broadcasting: 97% of its political campaign donations are made to the GOP and their commentary is strictly from the conservative side of thought, it is hard not to see this decision as having a political motive. Our airways are free precisely because our government believes that the free and unimpeded distribution of information is vital to a democracy. The alarming trend of media giants like Fox and Sinclair towards the production and distribution of right wing opinion shows, packaged as news, is a huge threat to our democracy, and provide abundant evidence for the need for more ownership regulation, not less.